

S.J.R. NO.

47

By

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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"Sec. 4. ELECTION OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; NEW APPORTIONMENT. The members of the House of Representatives shall be chosen by the qualified voters for the term of four years from the first day of January of the next year succeeding the day of their election; but a new House of Representatives shall be chosen after each apportionment, and the members of the House of Representatives elected after each apportionment shall be divided by lot into two classes. The seats of the members of the House of Representatives of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the first two years, and those of the second class at the expiration of four years, so that one-half of the members of the House of Representatives shall be chosen biennially thereafter."

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Austin, Texas

Apr. 21, 1965

Hon. Preston Smith  
President of the Senate

Sir:

We, your Committee on Const. Amendment,  
to which was referred HR No. 47, have had the same under  
consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the  
Senate with the recommendation that it do \_\_\_\_\_  
pass \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ printed.

Kay  
Chairman

Amend S.J.R. 47  
by deleting the  
figure 1966 from  
Section 3 and  
substituting the figure  
1965 in lieu thereof.

ADOPTED by vote of  
24 yeas, 6 nays.

APR 21 1965

*Schmidt*  
SECRETARY OF SENATE

(11)

By: Strong, Reagan, Krueger,  
Hall, Hardeman, Word,  
Ratliff, Cole, Aikin

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FORM B

(For favorable reports on bills where committee amendments other than "committee substitutes" are recommended; and for resolutions where committee amendments, including complete substitutes, are recommended.)

COMMITTEE REPORT

Date 4-20-65

HON. BEN BARNES

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir:

We, your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred S.J.R. No. 47, have had the same under consideration

and beg to report back with recommendation that it do pass, as amended, and be printed.

Allen  
Chairman.

(In the case of simple and concurrent resolutions the words "and be printed" should be stricken out since resolutions are printed in the Journal when they are first introduced.)

The word "not" should be inserted before "printed" only in case of a local bill reported favorably with amendments and ordered not printed, which is customary for local bills.)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

NO. 1

BY *Paul*

Amend S. J. R. 47 by striking all of Section 1 and amending the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of Section 3 to read as follows:

"FOR the constitutional amendment to provide a four year term of office for Representatives.

"AGAINST the constitutional amendment to provide a four year term of office for Representatives."  
and renumbering the sections accordingly.

APR 21 1965

DATE                     

READ AND ADOPTED

*Dorothy Hallman*  
CHIEF CLERK  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APR 21 1965

MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE BY WHICH Amendment was adopted WAS ADOPTED / PASSED AND TO TABLE THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER PREVAILED. PASSED BY A 70-11 Record VOTE OF

                     AYES AND                      NAYES  
*Dorothy Hallman*  
CHIEF CLERK HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(2)

Ja Shannon Jr

Amend quoted Sec 4 of BJR 47  
by adding at the end of quoted  
Sec 4 a sentence to read as follows:

"Provided however that  
no member ~~shall~~ of the  
~~House of Representatives~~  
<sup>Legislature</sup>  
shall be precluded or  
prohibited from being <sup>eligible</sup>  
As a candidate for ~~the~~  
~~Senate~~ <sup>Public Office</sup> by reason of  
the fact that his  
term as a member of  
the ~~House of Representatives~~  
<sup>Legislature</sup>  
shall not have expired  
at the beginning of the  
~~term~~ ~~term~~ term for  
which he is a  
candidate, ~~any~~ notwith-  
standing any provision  
of this Constitution to the  
contrary."

~~The amendment was adopted.~~

DATE APR 21 1965  
READ AND ADOPTED  
James H. [Signature]  
CHIEF CLERK  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



(3).

by: Jim Markgraf

Amend S.J.R. 47 by striking the words "first class" and "second class" wherever they appear ~~in~~ in the Resolution and substituting in lieu thereof <sup>respectively</sup> the following:

"class 'A'" and "class 'B'."

APR 21 1985  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
READ AND ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_  
*Dorothy H. Freeman*  
CLERK  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APR 21 1905

Unanimous consent granted to amend  
caption of House Bill No. 47 to  
conform to body of bill.

*Dorothy Hallman*

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Austin, Texas  
May 27, 1965

Honorable Preston Smith, President of the Senate  
Honorable Ben Barnes, Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Sirs:

We, your Conference Committee appointed to adjust the differences between the House and Senate on Senate Joint Resolution No. 47, have met and adjusted our differences and beg leave to recommend that Senate Joint Resolution No. 47 be passed in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ernest*  
*Houseman*  
*Hyewood*  
*Word*

*Sen*  
On the part of the Senate

*W. L. Hunt*  
*McClure*

*Jim Nugent*  
*Wayne R. Connally*

*Donnell*  
On the part of the House

ADOPTED  
by vote of 21 yeas, 10 nays  
MAY 28 1965

*Schnabel*  
SECRETARY OF SENATE

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21 two classes. The seats of the members of Class A shall be vacated at  
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24 Representatives shall be chosen biennially thereafter. Representatives  
25 shall take office following their election, on the day set by law for the  
26 convening of the Regular Session of the Legislature, and shall serve  
27 thereafter for the full term of years to which elected and until their  
28 successors shall have been elected and qualified. Except in case of an  
29 election to fill a vacancy, and except in the first election following each  
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47 Resolution is adopted by the people of Texas in the election in November,  
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51 ture, since the provisions of said House Joint Resolution No. 1 are  
52 included in this Resolution. But, should this proposed amendment be  
53 rejected by the people of Texas in the election in November, 1965, then  
54 the terms and provisions of House Joint Resolution No. 1 shall be and  
55 remain in full force and effect and shall be proclaimed published and  
56 submitted to the electorate in November, 1966, as provided in said House  
57 Joint Resolution No. 1.

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*Spencer*  
*Hardman*  
*Hyland*  
*Word*

MAY 27 1965

*referred to*  
The House has  
adopted the Conference Committee Report  
on House Bill No. 47 by a vote  
of 89 ayes, 5 noes.

*Dorothy Hallman*

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

MAY 27 1965

Motion to suspend all necessary rules  
to consider, prevailed by 1 vote.

*non-record*

*Dorothy Hallman*

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*Long*  
On the part of the Senate

*W. S. Healy*

*McLoughlin*

*Jim Nugent*

*Wayne T. Connally*

*Dorman*  
On the part of the House

MAY 27 1965

The House has  
adopted the Conference Committee Report  
on House Bill No. 47 by a vote  
of 108 ayes, 37 noes.

*Dorothy Hallman*

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

(over)

end of 4 yr term

only time you can't  
if in middle of term  
unless vacancy

FROM HOUSE

RETURNED

MAY 28 1965

~~FROM HOUSE~~

~~RETURNED~~

~~MAY 27 1965~~

MAY 27 1965 RETURNED TO SENATE

CHIEF CLERK HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAKES

AYES AND

SIDER PREVAILED PASSED BY A Yea-Nay record vote of

ADOPTED / PASSED AND TO TABLE THE MOTION TO RECON-

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MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE BY

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S. J. R. No. 47

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Lieutenant Governor  
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S. J. R. No. 47 passed the Senate on April 21, 1965, by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 8; April 29, 1965, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 27, 1965, House granted request of the Senate; May 28, 1965, Senate adopted Conference Report by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S. J. R. No. 47 passed the House on April 21, 1965, with amendments, by the following vote: Yeas 101, Nays 43; May 27, 1965, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 27, 1965, House adopted Conference Report by the following vote: Yeas 108, Nays 37.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

6-2-65  
Date

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Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
9/45 9:45 P.M. 1965

*Crawford C. Martin*

APR 21 1965

Regular order of business, Senate Rules 32 and 38 and Art. III, Section 32 of the Constitution suspended by vote of 24 yeas, 6 nays, to permit consideration, reading and passage.

APR 21 1965

READ SECOND TIME  
AND ORDERED ENGROSSED

APR 21 1965

amended by vote of  
24 yeas, 6 nays,  
READ THIRD TIME AND PASSED  
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yeas 22 Nays 8

Charles Schnabel  
Secretary of the Senate

241

241

149

Engrossing Clerk

S.J.R. No. 47

BY

Strong  
Reagan  
Krueger  
Hall  
Hardeman  
Ward  
Ratliff  
Cole, Dikins

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Constitutional Rule (Sec. 5, Art. III) and Senate Rule 114 suspended by vote of 31 yeas, 0 nays, to introduce bill.

APR 21 1965

Read first time  
and referred to Committee  
on Constitutional Amendments

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Reported Favorably.

APR 21 1965

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By: Strong, Reagan, Krueger,  
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and passage.

4-21-65 Read second time and ordered engrossed.

4-21-65 Read third time, amended by vote of 24 Yeas, 6 Nays, and  
passed by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 8.

Charles Schnabel, Secretary of the Senate

4-21-65 Engrossed.

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SENT TO HOUSE

Essie Mc Ginnis  
ENGROSSING CLERK

APR 21 1965

Read Second Time and passed to  
third reading by vote of 101 Yeas, 13 Nays.

Received from  
the Senate.

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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READ 1st TIME  
AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON

Constitutional Amendments

APR 21 1965

REPORTED FAVORABLY

AS AMENDED

APR 21 1965

SENT TO THE SPEAKER

APR 21 1965

SET AS A SPECIAL ORDER

FOR 21st DAY April 1965

AT 3:40 P.M.

Dorothy Hallman

MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE BY  
WHICH S.J.R. #47 was adopted was  
ADOPTED / PASSED AND TO TABLE THE MOTION TO RECON-  
SIDER PREVAILED. PASSED BY A Non-Record VOTE

YES AND NAYS

Dorothy Hallman  
CHIEF CLERK HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APR 21 1965

RETURNED TO SENATE

APR 21 1965

Postponed to 4-21-65,  
at 4:00 P.M.

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

APR 22 1965

RETURNED

FROM HOUSE

with amendments

APR 29 1965

The Senate refused to concur in House amendments ~~and requested the appointment of a Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses.~~

MAY 27 1965

Conference Committee was appointed on the part of the <sup>House</sup> ~~Senate~~

APR 29 1965

Laid on table  
by unanimous consent.

MAY 26 1965

Senate Rule 60 was suspended by vote of 24 yeas, 6 nays.

MAY 26 1965

The vote by which laid on the table was reconsidered by unanimous consent.

MAY 26 1965

The Senate ~~refused to concur in House amendments and~~ requested the appointment of a Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses.

MAY 26 1965

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MAY 27 1965

The House has granted the request of the Senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses.